

In the specification:

Please accept the enclosed substitute specification which does not contain new matter.

In the claims:

Cancel claim 9 without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

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10. An apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the values b and d are adaptable to a bit error rate of the transmission channel.

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11. A method as defined in claim 6, wherein the values b and d are adaptable to a bit error rate of the transmission channel.

12. A method as defined in claim 7, the values b and d are adaptable to a bit error rate of the transmission channel.